THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has emerged as a prime educational Board responding to the emerging educational needs of the student community based on access, equity and quality.

(b) and (c) Newspapers and media have been highlighting several initiatives taken by the Board. Newspapers and media releases facilitate in communicating the aims and objectives of the steps taken by the Board in their correct perspective and also to receive necessary feedback so that proper corrective measures are taken.

(d) The steps taken by the Board to improve its administration and efficiency include (a) technology integration in data processing (b) on line receipt of applications for affiliation and other exam related work (c) interactive web-site for information dissemination and (d) e-mail reply facilities including e-counselling.

(e) The Board intends to organize massive empowerment programmes for its teachers and heads of institutions which include exposure to current pedagogical trends, leadership, technology integration and counselling of the adolescent.

Use of research students as teachers in colleges

1398. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC proposes to use research students for teaching in the colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such research students are proposed to be absorbed against the existing vacancies after award of their degrees in their respective disciplines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Financial assistance to engineering colleges

1399. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to provide financial assistance to some States including Tamil Nadu for the modernization of their Engineering Colleges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and College-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The All India Council for Technical Education has a scheme of Modernization and Removal of Obsolescence (MODROB) to keep the facilities updated in technical institutions for effective Teaching, Training and Research. The State-wise details of grants-in-aid given during 2004-05 under MODROB Schemes including Tamil Nadu are enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below).

Further, the Government of India is implementing the World Bank assisted Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme of Government of India (TEQIP) which aims at systemic transformation of technical education in the country. The State of Tamil Nadu is part of the TEQIP. The funds are released by the State Government to the Institutions and they claim reimbursement from the World Bank. A list showing State-wise number of Institutions indicating programme life allocation including details of Institutions covered under the Programme in the State of Tamil Nadu is enclosed as Statement-II.

Statement-I

State-wise details of grant-in-aid approved under MODROBS during 2004-2005

State	Grant-in-aid for Engineering Colleges	
	No. of Proposals	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	3	16.40
Assam	3	21.10
Chandigarh	1	5.00
Chhattisgarh	1	6.50
Delhi	1	7.25
Goa	1	6.00
Gujarat	3	13.50
Kerala	4	23.50
Maharashtra	4	22.50
Pondicherry	1	6.00
Punjab	1	1.50
Rajasthan	4	25.50
Tamil Nadu	5	29.86
Uttar Pradesh	1	6.00
Uttaranchal	1	5.00
West Bengal	5	25.05
TOTAL:	39	220.16

Institution-wise details of grant-in-aid sanctioned to engineering colleges in the State of Tamil Nadu under MODROBS during 2004-05

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.	Name of the Institution	No. fo Projects approved	Total amount of Grant-in-aid
1.	A C College of Engineering & Technology Karaikudi-630004, Tamil Nadu	1	5.00
2.	Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University, MIT Campus Chromepet, Chennai-600044, Tamil Nadu	2	16.36
3.	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-641003, Tamil Nadu	1	2.50
4.	Thanthai Periyar Govt Institute of Tech Bagyam, Vellore - 632002, Tamil Nadu	1	6.00
	TOTAL:	5	29.86

Statement-II

Institute -wise Details of Programme Life Allocation made under TEQIP

Sl. No.	State	No. of Institutions	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	151.353
2.	Gujarat	6	85.699
3.	Haryana	5	32.936
4.	Himachal Pradesh	3	7.492
5.	Jharkhand	4	34.370
6.	Karnataka	14	173.334
7.	Kerala	6	61.509
8.	Madhya Pradesh	7	50.446
9.	Maharashtra	17	168.664
10.	Tamil Nadu	11	94.663
11.	Uttaranchal	5	41.484
12.	Uttar Pradesh	13	112.479
13.	West Bengal	11	153.297
	TOTAL:	114	1167.726

Details of Institutions covered under TEQIP alongwith Programme Life Allocations in the State of Tamil Nadu

(Rs. in crores)

1.	Govt. College of Technology, Coimbatore	14.600
2.	AC College of Engg. & Technology, Karaikudi	15.667
3.	Govt. College of Engg, Tirunelveli	10.110
4.	Thantai Periyar Govt Instt. of Tech., Vellore	10.267
5.	Govt. College of Engg., Salem	10.967
6.	Central Polytechnic College, Tharamani	1.560
7.	Dr. Dharamabal Govt. Polytechnic College of Women, Tharamani	2.00
8.	Tamil Nadu Polytechnic College, Madurai	1.153
9.	College of Engg. Anna University, Chennai	13.040
10.	Madras Institute of Technology, Chennai	10.00
11.	AC College of Tech., Anna University, Chennai	5.299
	TOTAL:	94.663

Modernisation of Madrasas

1400. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments of Maharashtra and Bihar have sent proposals to the Union Government for providing funds for the modernisation and improvement of Madarsa Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated/provided during the last three years for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) On the basis of proposals received from Bihar and Maharashtra grant-in-aid of Rs. 79.92 lakhs and Rs. 3.16 lakh respectively were released to these states in 2005-06. Funds released during the last three years by the central government for Madrasa Modernization are as follows:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
2002-03	539.11
2003-04	672.48
2004-05	468.72